

LOCAL INFORMATION

1. **Location**. The town of PFULLENDORF, the former "free imperial city" is half-way between the BODENSEE (LAKE CONSTANCE) and the Danube valley. Height: between 602 and 741 metres above sea level. The twin towns are ALLSCHWIL in Switzerland and SAINT-JEAN DE BRAYE in France.

2. **Inhabitants**

The number of inhabitants in 1996	: 12.474
Male	: 6.365
Female	: 6.109



3. **Summary of the history of PFULLENDORF:**

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| - 7 th or 8 th Century | The Alemannen settlement called Pfullen-Dorf |
| - 2 nd June 1220 | Frederic II, the Staufen King, constitutes the Imperial City. |
| - 1416 | PFULLENDORF organises its rights in a constitution of the guild and during the Council of CONSTANCE it receives the right to establish the Supreme Court of Justice |
| - 1803 | PFULLENDORF becomes part of BADEN |
| - since 1973 | PFULLENDORF has been part of the district of SIGMARINGEN |

4. **Trade and industry**. The biggest employers are ALNO Möbelwerke (kitchens) with 2.050 employees and GEBERIT GmbH (sanitary) with 1.350 employees. There are about 80 civilian employees working for the army at the Generaloberst-von-Fritsch-Kaserne. Pfullendorf also has numerous middle and small sized enterprises.

5. **Culture**. The office of Culture regularly organises events in the Municipal Hall of PFULLENDORF. These include musicals like: "Westside Story", "The Rocky Horror Show", "Hair" and "My Fair Lady" or plays like "Anne Frank's Diary" and "The Broken Jug" as well as plays especially for children.

6. **Leisure-time activities**

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| - Badminton | - Shooting | - Horse riding |
| - Hiking | - Aeroplanes | - Walking |
| - Body-building | - Fishing | - Guided tours |
| - Curling on asphalt | - Cycling | - Gymnastics |
| - Swimming | - Sauna | |
| Playing tennis/squash | - Massages | |



7. **History of the Generaloberst-von-Fritsch-Kaserne**. The barracks were built in the late 1950's and named after the artillery General Freiherr von Fritsch (1880-1939), who was Commanding General of the German Army from 1935 through 1938. When Hitler assumed command of the Wehrmacht, von Fritsch was obliged to resign. He was killed in action a few kilometres outside Warsaw in 1939.

From 1959 until 1991 the Divisional Artillery Group of German 10th Armoured Division occupied the barracks. In October 1991, they were replaced by two light infantry battalions, which have been subsequently disbanded.

8. Sightseeing

The master builder Hans Saphoi from Salem completed **Stadtpfarrkirche "St. Jacob"** (parish church St. Jacob), as a gothic column basilica. In 1750 it was transformed into a baroque church. At the early age of 21 Jakob Schwarzmann completed the extraordinary "stukko works" of the choir.

The **"Historische Rathaus"** (historical town hall), built in 1528 represents the history of the town and empire. The half-timbered house is a stone hall with wooden beams and ceilings. An abundance of historical paintings can be admired there.

The **"Historische Rathaussaal"** (historical public room of the town hall), with its marvellous cycle of glass pictures dating from the early Renaissance, created by Christoph Stimmer at the beginning of the 16th Century is also worth being visited. All the stained glass Windows, with the coat of arms have been donated and are preserved in the original condition.

The **"Alte Haus"** (Old House), built in 1317, is one of the oldest houses (Bürgerhäuser) in Southern Germany. It is a half-timbered building with a special vertical wooden construction. In the middle of it there used to be a sand-box, which had the function of balancing the whole construction.

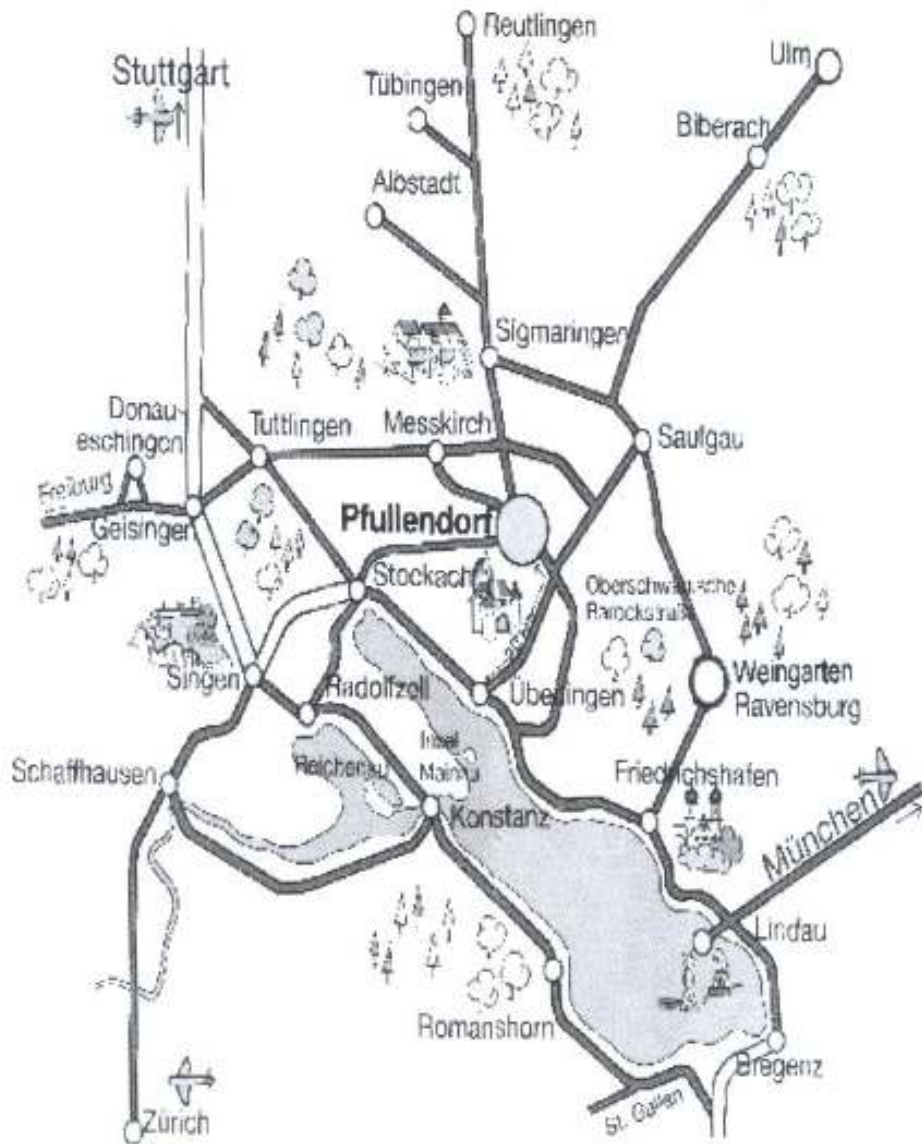
The **"Obere Tor"** (upper town gate), is the landmark of PFULLENDORF. It is the most beautiful gate construction in the Lake of CONSTANCE district.

The **"Historische Altstadt"** (historical part of the town), which is still in good condition, with its numerous half-timbered houses and characteristic buildings.

The **"Steinscheuer"**, used as a local gallery with an interesting gothic stair pediment and decorated with the coat of arms of the hospital fund.



SURROUNDINGS OF PFULLENDORF



MAP OF PFULLENDORF

